

SPORTS

Volleyball Team Ends Improved From Last Year

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The Woman's Varsity Volleyball season ended October 12 with their final game against Philadelphia Community College. Although Delco lost, they came out of the season with a record of 4 wins and 14 losses, an improvement from last year.

The team commented on enjoying the sport, and even though they did not win many games, they agreed they had a good season.

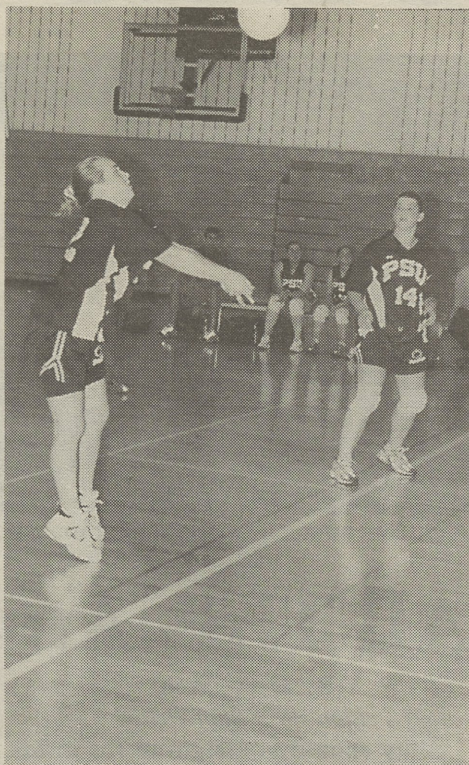
"I had a great time," said Julienne Balmer (Freshman, LA) "We played well together and we were all friends off the court. That's what made volleyball fun."

Head Coach Tom Pflieger also thought the season was a success. "We are working our way to an improved and talented team. The players keep getting better every year."

Pflieger encourages all students, faculty, and staff to attend the games for woman's volleyball next season.

"Volleyball's an awesome sport," said Colleen Kelley (Freshman, LA) team setter, "to watch and to play."

Interested students can get information about next season by contacting Tom Pflieger through Athletic Director Tiz Griffith at dmg4@psu.edu.



Eileen Carroll (freshman, DUS) returns a serve in perfect form to help Delco win the game.

**Two Chances
to
Fund Scholarships
and
Have Fun at Delco
Woodcarvers' Show
Sat.-Sun., Nov. 6-7
Craft Show
Sun., Nov. 14
Both Events Will Be Held
in the Gym**

Hockey Team Joins Collegiate League

By Mari DiMeglio
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Now in its third season, the ice hockey team has joined a collegiate league.

The team has scheduled 10 home and 10 away games in the ACHA Mason-Dixon league, comprised mostly of teams from Maryland. Captains junior Derek Rieck, and sophomores Ben Seidman, and Jim Gregg will lead 22 players and two goalies this year.

In their first game at Loyola, the Delco team was defeated 6-4. Goal scorers were Ken Panco, Tom Fisher, Steve Wolfe, and Seidman. In their first home game on October 6, the team beat Shippensburg 3 - 1 on two goals from Pat Cleary, and one from Ryan Bouchard.

"We appreciate any support [the students] can give us," says Rieck, hoping that students will show up for their Saturday night games.

Their next home game is November 13 at 8:45 at Ice Line in West Chester. The team has scheduled a game at the First Union Center on November 14.

Rieck, junior Nick Pilotti, and coach Chuck Gorman formed this club two years ago.

Advisor to the team, Jenette Rieck, staff assistant to the Director of Academic Affairs, wanted to help her son and his teammates with problems, and provide advice.

During their first year, the team played in a local men's league. Including college teams on their schedule last year, they remained non-league.

Each season, club sports submit a budget to the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee stating the cost of referees, ice time, uniforms, coaches, and other expenses minus the expected total of funds from fundraisers and player contributions. Also supporting themselves through fundraisers, the University Park ice hockey club is not a university-sponsored sport.

The Delco ice hockey team hopes to become varsity.

The team did not hold tryouts. "We are just looking to give everyone a fair chance to play. We weren't looking to cut anyone," says Rieck.

Wolfe said, "A lot of kids were hoping that we would have cuts, because they don't want to have to sit out so that everyone gets a turn to play."

The first three weeks of practice were optional training workouts including running, cycling, and lifting weights.

"Before the first on-ice practice, everyone was excited to see how everyone else plays. Everyone can skate. We definitely have a lot of talent," said Wolfe.

The team practices at Ice Line on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Delco Hockey Fans Show Faith In Flyers' Chances

By Ed Blackburn
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They say this season is the last chance. After this, the Flyers will stop moving forward and start moving backward. They will no longer contend and they will become the awful, playoff evading team they were early in the decade. In the few games they've played this season, they're already off to the worst start in their history. Maybe the decaying has already begun.

But don't believe it, says Penn State Delco.

As far as the early-season funk, "There is something missing," says Campus Executive Officer Ed Tomczko, "and they need to play as a team. It's not their fault. They just

haven't gotten their heads together yet. But the games that matter are in February; hockey is a long season. Give them some time."

Others say the team is geared for success in the next few seasons, contrary to what the media is barking about. "[General Manager] Bob Clarke is bringing young blood back into Philly," says sophomore Steve Gibson.

Indeed, the goaltender the Flyers drafted back in '95, whom they heralded as the "goalie of the future," is now on the team as a back-up, and jet-powered rookie forward Simon Gagne has earned his place on the team, meshing perfectly with veteran linemate Mark Recchi, who is playing his best hockey in quite some time. Gagne was

drafted last year and helped lead the minor league Phantoms to the championship, scoring 120 points.

"What they really need is a leader, more so than the fourteen new players every year they seem to get," Gibson adds. Flyers management apparently agreed, so they went out on October 1 8d~ and got veteran Swede defenseman Ulf Samuelsson, whom many Flyers fans will remember as the big and dirty hitter from the rival Rangers and Penguins. Besides setting the pace on the ice with his big hits and aggressive play, Samuelsson is a strong locker-room presence.

Despite the excellent team the Flyers feature this year- which far surpasses last year's early-season team their

consistent lack of unity has some

Delco students and faculty playing skeptics.

"If the Flyers don't win this spring, there is going to be a big shake-up," said staff assistant Jeanette Rieck. "Either Clarke goes, or coach Roger Neilson goes. But I hope they're not stupid enough to trade [captain] Eric Lindros."

Senior Al Erickson can't even wait for spring; he wants Clarke gone now. "And we need a new coach," he adds. "It's time for [Phantoms coach] Bill Barber to get his chance."

Even if the Flyers fail us again and do not win this season's Stanley Cup, there should be no worry. "They will rise again," confidently promises Political Science Professor Stephen Cimbala.

Tennis Team Finishes Strong

By Scherrie Bailey
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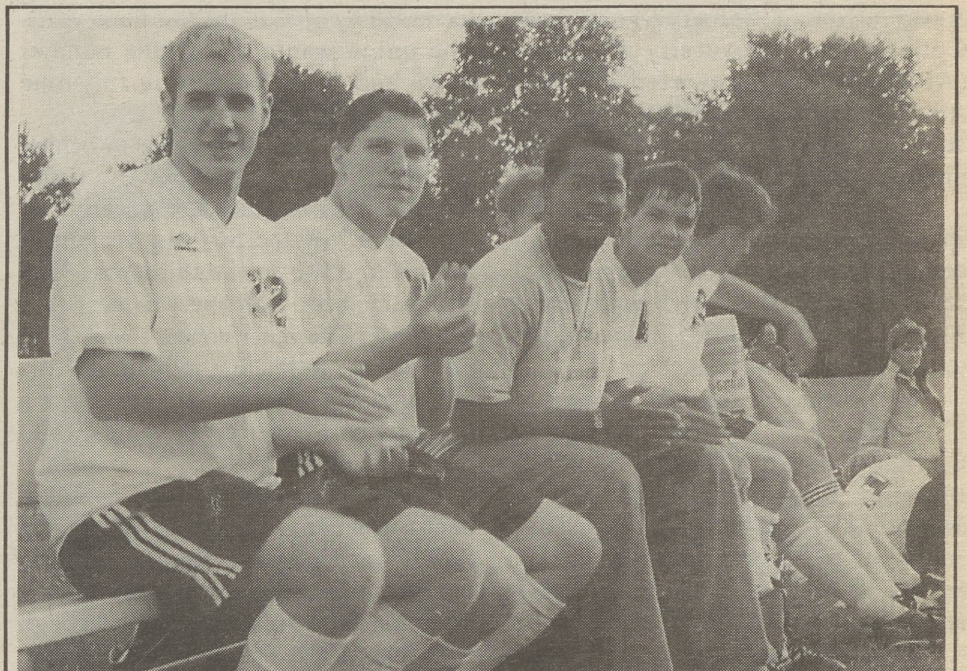
Penn State Delco's co-ed tennis team won 6 out of 10 matches during this past semester against other Penn State campuses. During October, the tennis team won over PSU Hazelton, PSU Mont Alto, and PSU York with identical scores of 8-1 for all three matches. Those three wins quickly overshadowed the two losses suffered at the hands of PSU Abington (5-4) and PSU Berks (6-3).

Although players of the tennis team acknowledge their losses, they still cherished their wins. An Shih, a key player of the men's team commented, "We knew the team was going to win against PSU Hazelton. Their star player didn't show up. In fact, four of our wins in that game were by forfeit and the other four were by matches." Another great

player, Jon Louderback said, "We usually rock, but you can't help losing a match here and there. Winning as many matches as possible was important for playing in the CCAC Tournament."

In fact, playing against PSU Hazelton wasn't that easy since Delco only had four players. An Shih and Steve Spera of the men's team played both singles and doubles. Kathy Nguyen, a leading figure on the women's team and her talented teammate, Colleen Sullivan, both played singles.

The tennis team is comprised of both a men and women's division. Led by Coach Bill McCourt, the men included An Shih, Stephen Spera, Jon Louderback, and Bill O'Berg. Kathy Nguyen, Colleen Sullivan, Tara Martini, Nicole Culin, and Lillian Woo comprised the women's team.



Delco's soccer team came away with five wins this season, beating Delaware County C.C. and PSU Alto twice.